

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1, 3-7, 10-11, 13-17, 20-21, 23-27, 30-31, and 34-42 are currently amended. Claims 32 and 43-44 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-31 and 33-42 are pending.

Statement of Substance of 12 October 2006 Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Tamara Teslovich for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorneys, Michael K. Colby and Paul S. Holdaway, on 12 October 2006.

During the interview, Applicant's attorneys and Examiner Teslovich discussed the subject matter of page 10 line 19 to page 11 line 20, page 14 line 16 to page 16 line 10, and Figures 3-4 of the specification. In the interview, Examiner Teslovich and Applicant's attorneys agreed in principle to amendments to the claims that the Examiner consider sufficient to overcome the outstanding rejections.

Rejections

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by "Security Analysis & Design" by Uttara Nerurkar ("Nerurkar").

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §102

In the interest of expediting allowance of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Applicant amends claims as agreed in principle during the interview. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to agree in principle that the claims as currently amended are allowable over the art of record. The Examiner noted, however, that she would likely need to perform another search on the amended claims.

If any issues remain that do not permit allowance of the claims as amended (Claims 1, 3-7, 10-11, 13-17, 20-21, 23-27, 30-31, and 34-42) or previously presented (Claims 2, 8-9, 12, 18-19, 22, 28-29, and 33), Applicant requests that the Office contact Applicant's undersigned patent agent to schedule an interview.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that this application be allowed and forwarded on to issuance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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